Implementation of Hydrology Project-I and Project Phase-II

4089. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hydrological Information System is needed to manage the country's water resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have successfully implemented Hydrology Project-I; and

(d) whether Government are considering to implement the Project Phase-II soon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Hydrological Information System is needed for planning, development and management of the water resources in the country. The National Water Policy also emphasizes that a well developed information system, for water related data in its entirety, at the national/State level, is a prime requisite for resource planning. A standardized national information system is necessary to be established with a network of data banks and data bases, integrating and strengthening the existing Central and State level agencies and improving the quality of data and the processing capabilities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Hydrology Project Phase-II (HP-II) is a follow-on of Hydrology Project Phase-I which has been launched in April, 2006. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 631.83 crores. Implementing agencies in HP-II are 13 States/UTs and 8 Central Agencies. The States are Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab and Tamil Nadu and the central agencies are, Central Water Commission (CWC), India Meteorological Department (IMD), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) and Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR).